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He who believes in nobody knows that he himself is not to be trusted.—Montague.

## THE FUTURE WILL TELL

The supporters of Watson and Wilder and the supporters of Quarles and Ashford for the supreme bench have "broke even," in the expressive vernacular. Each side should now be satisfied, or if not satisfied, should contain itself in silence, as partisan opposition is not only useless but will further hamper the progress of the territorial administration. It may have been unfortunate for Judge Wilder that he talked so frankly to Attorney-general McReynolds, but he talked in a good cause—that of hastening action on the judiciary appointments.

It appears that the senate has confirmed the nomination of E. M. Watson for associate justice without waiting for that batch of protests which, political circles remember, went on by mail a few days ago and which was to put an end to all thought of Mr. Watson as an occupant of the supreme bench.

Mr. Watson is the first Southern Democrat to hold a place on the territorial supreme bench and will be the youngest man of the three justices. He is 39 years old, born in Mississippi and a graduate of the law department of the University of Mississippi, class of '97. He should be a capable and progressive judge.

Judge Quarles is also a southerner,—born in Kentucky and with a record as attorney and jurist that augurs well for his coming work on the Hawaiian bench.

It must always be regarded as unfortunate that tenure of judicial office in Hawaii has been placed at the mercy of political change. Only the future will tell whether in serving the cause of a new, Democratic administration and new ideas and ideals by changing the complexion of the supreme court, the governor, the attorney-general and the president have moved wisely.

## AN ULTIMATUM FROM THIS END

Secretary Mott-Smith did not overstate the case in his cablegrams and letters to President Wilson and Secretary Lane insisting on his resignation taking effect on March 15.

Territorial government in Hawaii has been suffering from delay in naming the new territorial secretary. Work of the public utilities commission is suffering because Mr. Mott-Smith can give it at best but divided attention. Governor Pinkham must perform mark time more or less until his right-hand man is in office and the important business of shaping up his organization can be entered upon in reality.

Secretary Mott-Smith waited from March 6 to March 12 for an answer to his cabled communications. No answer, no acknowledgment came to him. It is an open secret that the resignations of the governor and secretary, made on March 4, 1913, were received at Washington without comment or even reply. It is not to be wondered at that Mr. Mott-Smith accompanied his resignation with a gentle ultimatum to the effect that it is finally effective on March 15.

## THE LITERACY TEST AGAIN

If the senate retains the literacy test in the new immigration bill, it will become part of the completed act and will go to the president, for the house is almost sure to stand by its present attitude in favor of the test provisions.

President Wilson's ideas have been variously reported. One senator announced Wilson would oppose the literacy test to the point of vetoing the bill if the test were retained. This was soon after denied. It is pretty certain that Wilson is not an advocate of the test as a means of determining whether or not a would-be immigrant is up to the "desirable" standard.

The test, as we regard it, is unfair and as a means of regulating immigration will be ineffective. President Taft had the courage to veto an immigration bill just before he left office because there was then made an attempt to rush through the literacy provision. President Wilson might well do the same.

## ROUGH ON THE SENATE

It was revolt against the autocratic power of the speaker of the house under the old regime that unseated Uncle Joe Cannon and helped to turn the Republican majority to a minority.

Now there are evidences of revolt against the cumbersome method of doing congressional business. In the "greatest deliberative body in the

world"—to wit, the senate—there came up an instance the other day which illustrates the difficulty of handling legislation speedily on account of the involved rules of senate procedure. Senator Poindexter of Washington introduced a bill authorizing the president to mine coal in Alaska by a reserve and leasing system. The bill was referred to the committee on mines and mining. Next day the chairman of the committee on mines and mining wished to discuss the propriety of so referring the bill. The length of the discussion, as indicated by the Congressional Record, must have been close to an hour and in the end action went over for a day.

Then arose in his wrath Senator Harry Lane of Oregon, one of the newly-hatched members of the upper house, and the Record reports him as having rid his system of the following:

"Mr. President, before that is done I wish to say a word in regard to the method of carrying on the business affairs of the government by committee work and to indorse the position taken by the senator from New York (Mr. Root).

"In my opinion the present method is cumbersome, and will have to be changed, and ought to be changed. I see that it has a great deal of respect and veneration on the part of this body, and it may be entitled to it; but to me it looks a good deal like the sacred bull of India, which goes about eating up all the cabbages of the poor people, and it ought to be kicked on the nose and jarred loose. The method is cumbersome, and, in my opinion, is such that it would bankrupt a barber shop, and it costs the people of this country not less than fifty cents on every dollar that is expended.

"I wish to go on record as saying this, and I thank the Chair for the opportunity of doing so."

Senator Lane evidently has no fear of the venerable and whiskered traditions of the upper house.

## PLENTY OF THEM IN TRAINING

"No person alighting from a street car shall pass in front of the car to the left of the street until after the car has started and passed the crossing," reads a section in a mainland traffic law. Should make good practice for job-chasers, keeping up with this law, as it would call for "some sprinter" to get in front of the car after it had gotten under headway with an "across-the-street" start. Nevertheless, on past performance, Honolulu should be able to furnish a number of politicians with the desired speed.

## A POLITICAL POEM

It's fine to be in Eden, with its apple-trees and all, but how about Hawaii, when the plums begin to fall?

Newspapermen are among the first to rejoice that Wade Warren Thayer has been named secretary of the territory. Like his predecessor, Mott-Smith, he may be relied upon as a source of news.

Judge Wilder didn't tell the attorney-general of the United States to go to Hades. It appears, however, that he did disburse some frank advice about getting busy on Hawaiian appointments.

"The Progressive Party refuses to be under obligations to or be dominated by any man," reads one section of the rules for the party in Hawaii. Has he quarreled with himself?

We hesitate to draw the attention of our morning contemporary to it—but isn't that cartoon of a hula girl welcoming Major-general Carter a trifle *outré*?

"Pass Prosperity Around" is the Progressive slogan, but for practical political purposes gives us that sound Democratic doctrine, "Pass Patronage Around."

Secretary McAdoo is reported engaged to Eleanor Wilson. Now, Papa Woodrow, how about interlocking directorates?

"This makes the third time I have tried to resign,"—Mott-Smith.

Three times and out.

An Oriental vendor around town labels the sides of his wagon "Peanut Wholesale." How familiar!

Now it's time for all the unemployed to get busy knocking the latest Hawaiian appointments.

Secretary Mott-Smith is one office-holder who had to hoist himself out of his own job.

With Robertson, Watson and Quarles aboard, it will certainly be a work-bench.

# Letters TO TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

## OBJECTS TO THEIR "WORK."

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: As a taxpayer of this city I have read with indignation your further expose of how affairs are being conducted in the office of the Honolulu road department. With city work crowding the shelves, how the clerks of this office can have the effrontery to indulge in political letter writing, using time, typewriter and office stationery to work their private schemes, would be beyond the understanding of anyone.

Too cowardly to sign his own name to a letter, he preys on the innocence of his subordinates, using his official authority as a lever to tie behind the signature of another man. It is to be hoped that the board of supervisors will demand the resignation of both Cathcart and Lowe at once.

Respectfully,  
ROBERT LEVY.

## THE JUDICIARY APPOINTMENTS.

Honolulu, March 13, 1914.  
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: The report published in this morning's Commercial Advertiser this morning of an interview with me in regard to the appointment of Judge Quarles for the supreme bench is correct so far as my opinion of his qualifications and character are concerned, but I did not state "I am glad to see the president make such a happy choice, even though there are many other Honoluluans fully qualified for this important and honorable position."

I am not pleased that the president should, under the circumstances, make any appointment to the supreme bench other than to reappoint Justices Perry and DeBolt. To displace two competent, tried and worthy judges simply because they are not members of the political party in power, is, in my opinion, a great mistake and is not consistent with the principles of good government.

The Bar Association, whose members are made up both of Republicans and Democrats, recommended the reappointment of Justices Perry and DeBolt because of their qualifications, worth and long service on the bench.

W. O. SMITH.

# Personal Mention

PHILIP J. WILLET is en route in the transport Thomas, coming to Honolulu to take up his duties as navy paymaster with station at Pearl Harbor. He will succeed Paymaster W. H. Izard who has been transferred to a cruiser in the Pacific fleet.

FRANK J. DOUGHERTY, a well-known attaché with the local quarter-master department, returned from a business trip to the mainland as a passenger in the U. S. A. T. Thomas last night. Mr. Dougherty was called to the coast to settle up an estate.

MRS. BESSIE ADAM HOWARD, a prominent musician of Los Angeles, arrived in Honolulu on the Mongolia Wednesday to delve into local color for the purpose of writing a part in a light opera which, as now planned, will combine the music of England, Japan, Spanish-America and Hawaii.

## PACHECO THINKS NEW TRAFFIC ORDINANCE MUCH TOO SEVERE

Strong opposition to the pedestrian sections of the proposed new traffic ordinance was intimated today when the supervisors met at noon for a brief meeting.

Supervisor Pacheco was one to make it known that he is opposed to these sections.

"I think it is too far advanced for Honolulu," he stated. "It provides that persons crossing streets at other places than the regular street crossings do so at their own risk. This may be all right for some other cities, but I feel it is too severe for Honolulu. Consequently I am opposed to it."

A special meeting of the supervisors will be held soon to put the ordinance in shape for introduction.

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# OAHU SUGAR COMPANY ASKS CITY TO PAY WATER BILL, SUPERVISORS THREATEN ACTION FOR USE OF LAND

Replying to the demand of the Oahu Sugar Company for \$100 a year for water furnished the Waipahu public school, the board of supervisors this afternoon at a meeting strongly intimated that it will take action against the company for encroaching on the county's right-of-way through the plantation.

Supervisor Wolter claims that the company has taken possession of and has under cultivation for road area of the strip of land owned by the municipality for road purposes. This land, he says, which runs through a part of the plantation, has been encroached on by the company, the result being that many acres of city and county property is bearing cane, planted and harvested by the Oahu Sugar Company.

Wolter declared before the board that the demand of the company was nothing more than a retaliation to the action of the city and county in bringing injunction proceedings against the plantation because of the threatened destruction of the ironwood trees bordering on the road. "I suggest that we charge the sugar company for all the cane it has grown on the county's property on the sides of the road," advised Wolter. No objection being made by other supervisors to this scheme, Wolter followed his suggestion up by recommending that the demand of the company be referred to the legal department, to the city and county building and plumbing inspector, and to the ways and means committee. This was done.

E. K. Bull, manager of the Oahu Sugar Company, in writing to the board, stated that he would be obliged to charge a yearly fee of \$100 for the water furnished the Waipahu school. "We have supplied," he stated, "water free of charge for the past 17 years, but cannot continue under present conditions."

The Inter-Island steamer Helene, from Mahukona and Kawaihae, has been discharged of 8000 sacks of sugar. This vessel brought 74 head of island cattle for the Honolulu market. Officers in the steamer Helene, on arrival at the port, state that 3080 sacks of sugar are awaiting shipment at Honolulu. The product is destined for the Pacific Coast by the way of Honolulu.

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